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TWO KC MEN SENTENCED ON CRACK COCAINE CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were sentenced in federal court today for distribution of crack cocaine.

Darrell L. Givens, 32, and **Charmin Patton**, 47, both of Kansas City, were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon. **Givens** was sentenced to 10 years and one month in federal prison without parole and **Patton** was sentenced to two years in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 19, 2004, **Givens** pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Givens** admitted that he sold five grams or more of crack cocaine on four occasions between March 30, 2004, and April 12, 2004.

On Sept. 22, 2004, **Charmin Patton**, 47, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Patton** admitted that she sold 28.07 grams of crack cocaine for \$800 at 5401 E. 27th Terr., in Kansas City, on March 30, 2004.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 22, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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